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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"CHEER UP AND SMILE."

A bright sparkling comedy, entitled "Cheer Up and Smile," is the main attraction of the programme now being shown at the Star Theatre. There is nothing outstanding about the picture, unless it is the song numbers by "Whispering" Jack Smith, who comes into the picture in person as the star singer of Pierre's night club.

Dixie Lee and Arthur Lake play the main characters, and a strong supporting cast includes Olga Bacalova and Charles Judels. The latter in the role of Pierre, proprietor of a fashionable night club, is intensely funny. His attractive wife, whose main occupation is flirting with other men, causes the excitable Pierre much trouble, and the audience much merriment.

Proceeding the main attraction is a featurette entitled "Forget Me Not" which would not be missed if it were not shown, and an interesting newsreel.

"GENTLEMAN'S FATE."

A good story, holding in itself numerous thrilling episodes, is unfolded in "Gentleman's Fate" the feature talkie attraction now playing at the Queen's Theatre. John Gilbert and Lella Hyams are the leading players, being capably supported by Anita Page, Louis Wolheim, Marie Prevost and John Miljan.

In the role of both a gentleman and a racketeer Gilbert acquits himself splendidly. Miss Hyams, who did remarkably well in "Part Time Wife" and "Thirteenth Chair," is also outstanding. Miss Page, the sweet blonde, is responsible for a large share of the success, as is the remainder of the cast. Louis Wolheim, brilliant in "All Quiet," is worthy of mention as Gilbert's brother. It is a great pity that Wolheim is dead.

"Gentleman's Fate" is a good film, and with such masterly direction it should rank high in the talking picture productions of Hollywood.

From Other Sources.

"MANY A SLIP."

What is said to be the most daring screen comedy of the season is "Many A Slip," which opens its engagement to-day at the Central Theatre. Joan Bennet and Lew Ayres are the featured players in this story of laughs and misunderstandings, and the cast also includes such well known screen players as Slim Summerville, Virginia Sale, Ben Alexander, Vivien Oakland, Roscoe Karns and J. C. Nugent.

"Many A Slip" tells the romantic story of a girl and a boy, with the girl discovering that she has fallen in love with the young man. Feeling that he has the positive ideas against marriage, and wishing to become his wife, the artful young lady allows him to think that she is expecting an interesting event—and they are married at once.

From this point in the story, complications pile up at a swift pace, and the plot is further thickened by the troubles of the house maid.

Laugh follows laugh, until the whole story finally explodes in a gale of merriment—but not until the characters have found themselves in exceedingly hot water.

"PLUNDER."

"Plunder," the British all-talking picture declared as an encouragement to the British film industry by His Majesty the King at the Trade Show held in London in November last, will have its public screening on Thursday at the Central Theatre.

The picture is a laugh-provoking production directed by Tom Walls, one of the foremost comedians of Britain. Tom Walls himself to-

AMERICANS SEEK THE SPEED RECORD.

Speedboat Trophy to Be Regained.

BRITISH REPRESENTATION.

Speedboat stars of the United States and Europe, both men and women, will meet at Cowes, Isle of Wight, during Motor Boat Week, July 18 to 25.

One of the principal events of the week will be the race for the Detroit News trophy which was won for Britain by H. Scott-Paine at Detroit last year.

Three Americans, Commodore Aaron de Roy, of Detroit; L. Luther Brown, of Texas; and John L. Rutherford, of New York, will attempt to regain the trophy but they will be up against tough opposition in Britain's defenders amongst whom will be Miss B. Carstairs.

H. Scott-Paine and Fred White, of Lloyd's, are also, having boats built for this series of races.

The programme also includes the races for the Duchess of York's trophy for National class dinghies with "C" class engines. There are three races for each of three classes of cruise and an open handicap for all cruiser classes over a 20-mile sea course.

Other events for inboard engine boats, standard runabouts, speedboats, launches and ship's tenders are also scheduled. The meeting is being arranged by the joint racing committee of the Royal Motor Yacht Club and the British Motor Boat Club.

IMPROVING FILMS.

Mr. Clynes Thinking About An Inquiry.

Mr. Clynes, the Home Secretary, said in the House of Commons that he had not received any evidence of general dissatisfaction with the standard of censorship observed by the British Board of Film Censors, and he was not, as at present advised, prepared to ask Parliament to consider the establishment of an official board of film censors.

Such complaints as he had received were mainly concerned with the general tone of films, and many of them admitted that no system of censorship could remedy this difficulty.

Mr. Clynes said he had recently received a deputation asking him to institute an inquiry to investigate the possibility of improving the general standard of films. He was at present considering whether such an inquiry could be expected to produce any useful result, and he hoped to reach a decision very soon.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

French women must renounce any hope of obtaining the suffrage for some time to come, as the Chamber refused by 320 to 208 votes to discuss a Bill proposing to give the suffrage to women.

gether with Ralph Lynn, another famous English laugh-maker are having the leading roles.

In brief, the story deals with Joan Hewlitt, acted by Winifred Shotter, a sweet little creature of the screen, fiancée of D'Arcy Tuck (Ralph Lynn), who is being defrauded of her inheritance by her aunt Mrs. Hewlitt.

Freddie Malone (Tom Walls), an adventurer, conspires burglary, in which Tuck takes part and chloroformed himself. During a melee, the brother of Mrs. Hewlitt is accidentally killed.

How Malone and Tuck outwit Scotland Yard and eventually non-plus Mrs. Hewlitt, restoring the inheritance to Joan, forms the last half of the picture.

Britons who like to see a comedy which is having real British taste and those who longed for a change in the Americanised screen of Hong Kong are advised not to miss this picture.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.02-7.24 p.m.—Band Selections.
His Honour, the Mayor (Mackay), Dress Parade (arr. Enriquez), International Band, Don Juan (Mozart), May Pole Dance (Burchenal), Victor Band, Gladiator's Farewell (Blankenburg), Bells of Saint Mado (Rimmer), National Military Band.

7.24-7.45 p.m.—Organ Solos.
My Angel (Pollack-Rapee), Out of the Dawn (Donaldson), Jesse Crawford.

Among my Souvenirs (Leslie-Nicholls), Dinné (Rapee-Pollack), Jesse Crawford.

King for a Day (Lewis-Young-Florida), Jeannine I Dream of Lilac Time (Gilbert-Shillkret), Jesse Crawford.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
7.45-8.30 p.m.—A Concert.

Violin Solo—Tambourin Chinois (Kreislér), This—Meditation (Massenet), Fritz Kreisler.

Song—Solweig's Song (Grieg), Lo, Here the Gentle Lark (Bishop), Madam Amelita, Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Piano Solo—Prelude in A Flat Major (Chopin), Prelude in D Flat (Chopin), Ignace Jan Paderewski.

Song—Voice of the Night (Lardini-Curtis), Santa Lucia, I Long for You (Mario), Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).

Violin Solo—Serenade in G Major (Arensky), Minuet in G No. 2 (Beethoven), Mischa Elman.

8.30-9.05 p.m.—Orchestral.
Tales from the Vienna Woods (Strauss), The Bat—Selection (Strauss), March Weber & His Orchestra.

A Night in Venice—Overture (Strauss), Light Cavalry—Overture (von Suppe), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

La Gulindrina (The Swallow) (Saverio), Apache Dance (Offenbach), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

9.05-9.48 p.m.—Variety.
Piano Solo—Doil Dance, Dancing Tambourine, Pauline Alpert.

Dawn in an Old World Garden—Nightingales, Actually Recorded in Beatrice Harrison's Garden, Oxford, England.

Orchestral—Where is the Song of Songs for Me? Johnny Hamp's Kentucky Serenade.

Humorous Song—Blue Yodel, Jimmy Rodgers with Guitar.

Instrumental—My Song of the Nile, Pagan Love Song, Giulietta Morino (Violinist).

Quintet—The Shepherd's Serenade, Neapolitan Serenade, Victoria Quintet.

Trios—Oriental One-Step—Fomeen Trio, Accordion—Rhapsody in Blue, Excerpts—Fomeen Brothers.

9.48-10.28 p.m.—Instrumental.
Violin Solo—Doina (Romanian Tale), Roumanian Gypsy Song, Lazaros Constantine.

Piano Solo—On the Banks of the Danube (Kurucz), John Kurucz.

Trios—Down in the Forest (Sir Landon Ronald), De Groot Trio.

Accordion Solo—Rigoletto—Quartet (Verdi), Mignone—Entr'acte Cavotte (Thomas arr. Deiro), Pietro.

Piano Solo—A Dream (Cory-Barrlett), Macushla (Rowe-MacMurrrough arr. Chemet), Renee Chemet.

Violin Solo—Fairy Tale (Medtner), Suggestion Diabolique (Prokofiev), Benno Moiseiwitch.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

OIL INDUSTRY.

Solving the Problem of Over-Production.

Wichita, Yesterday.

Over 800 independent oil operators have agreed to the immediate close down of 22,000 Kansas oil wells in an attempt to solve the problem of over-production—Reuter's American Service.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Splinters," Theatre;

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Gentleman's Fate," Theatre;

To-day—Central Theatre; "Many a Slip," Theatre;

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Singing Poony," Theatre;

To-day—World Theatre; "Trader Horn," Theatre;

To-day—Star Theatre; "Cheer Up and Smile," Theatre;

Home Mails.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Autolycus), 5 p.m.

Thursday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Rajputana).

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Miscellaneous.

July 18—Bazaar in aid of St. Paul's Hospital Fund, 10 a.m.

WATER RETURN.

Three Reservoirs Now Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on July 1, 1931, were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	7' 0" B	30' 2" B
Tytam Byewash	12' 5" B	29' 5" B
Tytam Intermediate	6' 9" B	L
Tytam Tuk	41' 5" B	24' 5" B
Wong Nei Chung	20' 8" B	25' 2" B
Pokfulum	15' 10" B	6' 2" B
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	1930	1931
Tytam Byewash	327.80	174.08
Tytam Intermediate	7.79	3.39
Tytam Tuk	150.76	196.90
Wong Nei Chung	603.75	890.50
Pokfulum	9.40	6.55
Pokfulum	32.32	52.54
Total	1,140.32	1,810.87

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1930	1931
Consumption	341.99	365.45
Estimated population	443,740	411,300
Consumption per head per day	25.7	29.6
* Includes 64.14 million gallons from Mainland.		
* Includes 83.22 million gallons from Mainland.		

June, 1930.—Constant supply during the whole month to district North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street. 12 hours supply (5 a.m.—8 p.m.) in all other districts from June 1 to 17 inclusive. 16 hours supply (5 a.m.—8 p.m.) in all other districts from June 18 to 30 inclusive.

June, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.

Kowloon.

Kowloon Reservoir and Byewash

Shik Lai Pui Reservoir

Reception Reservoir

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Kowloon Reservoir and Byewash

Shik Lai Pui Reservoir

Reception Reservoir

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

Consumption

Estimated population

Consumption per head per day

Constant supply in all districts during June, 1930 and 1931.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

SOUTH CHINA BEAT HONG KONG.

Japanese Surprised by Chinese Athletic.

WEEK-END BASEBALL RESULTS.

South China beat the Hong Kong Baseball Club on Saturday in a League match by six runs to nil, and were full value for the win, if only for the reason that they took advantage of their opportunities when they came along.

The stickwork on both sides was not much to rave about. Milton Goo held the Hong Kong crowd down to two scratch hits, whilst South China garnered five. Gilson, who started on the mound, was yanked when Matty Chang's crew had two men down in the third. Campbell relieved him, and did pretty well until the sixth, when he hit the first man up and gave two walks. Even then he might have got out of the hole, if Thach had not pulled a boner by holding the ball to let a South China player cross for the final run. However, Campbell pitched pretty good ball on the whole, after Gilson had put them just "where they wanted them" for the first couple of frames.

Erratic Pitching.

Milton Goo, twirling for South China, was as erratic as usual. He had five strike-outs, but threw some awful stuff up in between times. He gave five free passes, two in succession on eight pitched balls. However, fielders got him out of the hole there, with the bases full and two men out. In the fourth he was up in the air again, but managed to pitch his way out.

The fielding on both sides was very ordinary, and there was not a great deal of baseball brains in evidence most of the time. Matty Chang always looked good for a hit, and came across with a lovely wallop right through the centre for a classy home run. This was easily the best hit of the day, and came along in the third innings. Matty was first man up, and South China bunched two more hits, with three fielding errors, to put on another two before the procession ended.

South China started off with two runs in the first cant, looking good enough to win right from the jump. The Hong Kong boys seemed short of practice, and will do better than this when they get properly going.

Line-Up.

South China.	Hong Kong.
A. Fong c.f.	Thach c.f.
C. C. Leung 2b.	D. Leonard s.f.
M. Chang c.	T. Leonard 2b.
H. Jan s.s.	Zafra r.f.-c.
H. Fong 1.f.	Lawrence 1b.
C. Y. Tin 1b.	Gilson p.f.-p.
H. Young 3b.	Campbell 1.f.-p.
M. Goo p.	Bowker 3b.
C. P. Fung r.f.	Thompson c.

Campbell pitched for Hong Kong in the third, with two men down; Zafra catching for Thompson in the fourth, with Grover in left field; George Ng played for H. Young in the fourth; Ed Howe played for C. C. Leung in the sixth, with C. K. Leung at first base, in place of C. Y. Tin.

Score by Innings.

S. China 2, 0, 3, 0, 0, 1, 0—6

Hong Kong 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0—0

Yesterday's Game.

Playing yesterday in the Baseball League, the Chinese Athletic beat the Japanese 1930 Champions, by 11 runs to 4. The game proved a personal triumph for K. K. Leung, whose pitching was classical. He is indeed one of the best "finds" of the season and more will undoubtedly be heard of him before the season is concluded.

THE PING PONG LEAGUE.

ENTRIES TO-DAY.

Under the auspices of the Ping Pong Association the following League and Singles Ping Pong Championships (Open to the Colony) will this season commence early in August. Junior League, Senior League, Junior League, Men's Singles Championship, Ladies' Singles Championship, and further particulars may be obtained from the China Sports Club, 18, D'Almeida Street.

ETON BEAT HARROW AT LORD'S.

TWO CENTURIES.

Baker Forces Harrow to Follow On.

BIG PARTNERSHIP.

London, Saturday. Eton registered their forty-second victory over Harrow when they won by an innings and 16 runs at Lord's to-day. This is the fourteenth time that Eton has won by an innings. Last year Eton won by eight wickets.

Taking first use of a perfect Lord's wicket the Eton batsmen made merry at the expense of a mediocre Harrow attack. The fourth century was passed with only half the side out and the closure was applied at 481 for 5 wickets. A. W. Allen (112) and Hotchkiss (153) were associated in a most prolific partnership.

Harrow were forced to follow, on 186 runs in arrears. N. E. W. Baker capturing 4 wickets for 46 runs. In their second venture the Harrow batsmen found Baker in irresistible form with the ball and were dismissed for 170, Baker

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

FENCING—To-day—H.K. Fencing Club Meet at 5.15 p.m.
WATER POLO—To-day—Division I—Chinese Athletic v. Chinese Bathing Club, 6 p.m.; Division II—31st Heavy Battery, R.A. v. Royal Signals, Chinese Athletic v. Argyls, 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday—Division I—V.R.C. v. Chinese Bathing Club, 6 p.m.
Friday Division I—Royal Navy v. Borderers.
LAWN TENNIS—Wednesday—“B” Division—Army T.C. v. Recreation; Craigsgower C.C. v. M.B.K.; Civil Service C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.; Nippon Club v. Chinese B.C.; University v. South China A.A.; “C” Division—Kowloon Indians T.C. v. Y.M.C.A.; Kowloon C.C. v. Craigsgower C.C.; Chinese B.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.; Radio S.C. v. Borderers; Indian B.C. v. University; Deutscher Club v. Civil Service C.C.; South China A.A. v. Army T.C.; Mixed Doubles—Indian B.C. v. Ladies’ B.C.; Recreation v. University.

HOME.

CRICKET—To-day and Tomorrow—Sussex v. Essex. Gloucestershire v. Middlesex. Kent v. Surrey. Lancashire v. New Zealand. Yorkshire v. Nottingham. Warwickshire v. Northamptonshire. Glamorganshire v. Somersetshire. Hampshire v. Derbyshire. Worcestershire v. Leicestershire. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Gentlemen v. Players. Surrey v. Worcestershire. Sussex v. Northamptonshire. Somerset v. Lancashire. Nottingham v. Gloucestershire. Yorkshire v. Essex. Warwickshire v. Kent. Leicestershire v. Hampshire. Glamorganshire v. Middlesex. Scotland v. New Zealand.

SHOOTING—To-day to Saturday—National R.A. Meeting at Bala.

ATHLETICS—Wednesday to Saturday—Army Championship.

LAWN TENNIS—Friday and Saturday—Ireland v. England at Dublin.

Friday—Inter-Zone Final of the Davis Cup.

GOLF—Friday to Sunday—Canadian Amateur Championship.

SWIMMING—Saturday and Sunday—Germany v. England at Hamburg.

NOTE BY “CRICKETER”

A. W. Allen opened the batting in last year's encounter and scored 44 and 5. This season he has joined the select twenty-seven players who have reached three figures in this series of matches. Allen also played in 1929, scoring 4 and 5, not out. Hotchkiss played in this first match, which had the distinction of scoring 153 which is the fifth highest individual score recorded in the series of matches. N. E. W. Baker bowled in last year's match, bowling 15 overs, 2 maidens, 46 runs for no wickets. This year, however, he has improved

CRICKET RECORD IN SHANGHAI.

Police League Side Dismissed for 7.

C. D. WALES RESPONSIBLE.

Shanghai, Saturday. In a League cricket match this afternoon the Shanghai Police established a record when they were all dismissed for seven runs. The feat, coupled with the fine bowling of C. D. Wales, formerly of Hong Kong, brought about their collapse, the quick procession to the pavilion creating great amusement amongst the spectators.

The police were playing one of the Shanghai Cricket Club teams, who scored over 70.—Reuter.

AQUATIC GALA AT NORTH POINT.

Lawrence Wins Men's Open Event.

S.C.A.A. SPORTS.

What must have been a record attendance at any Night Swimming Fete yet held in the Colony, was seen at the South China Athletic Association's beach at North Point on Saturday. A good programme of events was arranged, and was carried through without a hitch. In the open events members of outside clubs were in the limelight, particularly in the Men's Open 100 Metres when V.R.C. stars were placed first, second and third. Miss Young Sau-king proved a shade too fast for her British rivals in the Ladies' Open 100 Metres, Free Style, beating Mrs. Jean MacMahon by a fifth of a second, with Miss P. Hunt placed a close third.

Mr. Ed. da Rosa gave one of his excellent diving exhibitions, and the closing item was a Water Polo match between a Services team and a team composed mostly of University Old Boys, the latter team proving too strong for their opponents. S. H. Wong was the outstanding player, and had it not been for the inclusion of L. Roza Pereira in the Services team, the margin of defeat must have been decidedly greater. The second session saw an improvement in the play of the Services, who were finally rewarded by a goal from Roza Pereira, the final score being 3-1 in favour of the University.

The teams were as follows:—Services—Trice, Gray, Reads, Oliver, Gray, Lewis, L. Roza Pereira. University—S. H. Wong, S. V. Gittins, D. Laing, E. Zimmern, K. C. Chau, M. C. Li, P. L. Tan.

Mrs. Luke, after a short speech by Mr. Li Shiu-lan, distributed the prizes at the end of the sports.

RESULTS.

50 Metres Fat Men's Handicap:—1, Yeung Tze-sun; 2, Pun Ho-fu; 3, Tin Lap-fat.

200 Metres Team Race (Handicap):—1, Wong Sau-man's team; 2, Chan Sui-kan's team.

100 Metres—Men (Open to the Colony):—1, W. Lawrence; 2, L. Roza Pereira; 3, S. V. Gittins; 4, Chan Ki-chung.

100 Metres—Girls—Free Style (Open to the Colony):—1, Yeung Sau-king; 2, Mrs. J. MacMahon; 3, Miss P. Hunt.

50 Metres (Girls):—1, Au-yeung Bok-cheng; 2, Fung Fung-yee.

100 Metres Boys' Blindfold Race:—1, Cheung Wing-kwong; 2, Chue Fook-yin.

Family Race (200 Metres):—1, Yuen Chue-nam; 2, Yuen Chau-fai; 3, Ho Wai-hing.

Men's Obstacle Race:—1, Lo Tze-sing; 2, Cheung Wing-kwong.

50 Metres Girls' Hurdles:—1, Yuen Pui-cheng; 2, Ching Wai-chung; 3, Yuen Pui-han.

50 Metres Kids' Hurdles:—1, Yuen Tze-kok; 2, Wong Kau-hong; 3, Wong Ki-san.

Greasy Pole:—Hui Cheung-fook.

Water Polo:—University 3; Services 1.

ed beyond all hopes and was responsible for Harrow's overwhelming defeat. During the series of 102 matches played Eton have now won 42, Harrow 38, and 22 have been left drawn. Harrow have not won a match since 1908 when they were successful by ten wickets during which time Eton have won ten encounters.

REVIEWS

AT THE STAR TO-DAY & TO-MORROW At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20



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LAWN BOWLS RESULTS

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB WIN.

POLICE DEFEATED.

Club de Recreio Lose Both Matches.

TAIKOO "DOUBLE."

Kowloon Cricket Club, by defeating the Police Recreation Club on Saturday, maintained their position as unbeaten leaders in the senior lawn bowls League. The Police, on the contrary, suffered their tenth successive defeat.

"Doubles" were performed by the Civil Service, Craignower and Tarkoo, the last named second team just getting home by defeating the Bowling Green by two shots, on the home green. Luck was once more against the Club de Recreio, who lost their matches in both Leagues. Their senior team lost to Craignower by twenty-three shots, the juniors going down to Craignower at Happy Valley by three shots.

Details were as under—

Division I.

CIVIL SERVICE v. K.D.R.C.

On their own ground, the Civil Service C.C. accounted for the Kowloon Dock R.C. by 18 shots.

Scores:—	
Civil Service.	Kowloon Dock.
S. Randle	W. P. Hedley
S. E. Alderman	R. Morrison
A. H. Oswald	J. C. Brown
J. Gregory	R. Lapsley
(Skip) ... 23	(Skip) ... 13
Jas. T. Dobbie	C. Atkinson
A. O'Brien	G. Henderson
L. Longbottom	H. M. McTavish
W. E. Hollands	J. Punctoon
(Skip) ... 23	(Skip) ... 17
F. Jones	A. Colman
H. Westlake	H. G. Cooper
J. Denkin	J. V. Ramsay
J. Hollidge	F. Cullen
(Skip) ... 18	(Skip) ... 16
64	46

KOWLOON C.C. v. POLICE R.C.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. defeated the Police R.C. by 8 shots.

Scores:—	
Kowloon C.C.	Police R.C.
H. Hampton	T. Hunter
C. J. Tacchi	W. Clark
A. Hyde-Lay	A. N. Reynolds
J. Fraser	J. C. West
(Skip) ... 20	(Skip) ... 11
F. Goodwin	A. E. Clarke
H. Overy	A. R. Brittain
J. C. Lyl	J. Orem
J. Gibson	F. E. E. Booker
(Skip) ... 13	(Skip) ... 18
H. Gittins	T. Gooding
J. A. Howe	E. J. Ellis
J. Hyde	J. Shepherd
A. E. Silkstone	W. Mair
(Skip) ... 21	(Skip) ... 17
64	46

RECREIO v. CRAIGNOWER.

On their own ground, the Club de Recreio were defeated by the Craignower C.C. by 23 shots.

Scores:—	
Recreio.	Craignower.
E. L. Barros	W. T. Brightman
P. Yvanovich	A. E. Coates
C. E. Marques	E. el Arculli
L. Gutierrez	U. M. Omar
(Skip) ... 14	(Skip) ... 26
A. S. Gomes	F. Neves
R. R. Roberts	M. A. R. Sousa
L. C. R. Souza	L. E. Lammert
R. F. Luz	D. Rumjahn
(Skip) ... 18	(Skip) ... 18
Dr. R. A. Basto	G. L. Buchanan
C. A. Lopes	A. A. Razack
A. H. Basto	C. S. Rossette
O. Silva	R. Baza
(Skip) ... 16	(Skip) ... 27
48	71

K.B.G.C. v. TAIKOO R.C.

Playing away, the Taikoo R.C. accounted for the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 27 shots.

Scores:—	
K.B.G.C.	Taikoo R.C.
Howling Green.	S. C. P. Amery
A. K. Taylor	J. Young
T. S. W. West	G. McLeod
G. E. Roylance	J. Russell
D. F. Warren	(Skip) ... 20
(Skip) ... 20	(Skip) ... 22
S. Eccleshall	T. Stainton
G. F. Sherriff	J. Polson
H. Nish	J. Laing
W. Russell	N. Drummond
(Skip) ... 5	(Skip) ... 26
R. S. Nichol	J. Chapman
G. J. Chambers	J. Sloan
E. W. L. Hogbin	W. Weir
L. Guy	J. Ferguson
(Skip) ... 17	(Skip) ... 21
42	69

League II.

ELECTRIC R.C. v. C.S.C.C.

Playing away, the Civil Service C.C. defeated the Electric R.C. by 15 shots.

Scores:—	
Electric R.C.	Civil Service.
T. P. Sanderson	N. Bebbington
L. Luck	L. Luck
J. R. Way	J. Massey
W. H. B. Muskett	F. H. Haynes
(Skip) ... 11	(Skip) ... 19
F. Sloan	P. Knight
F. Norrington	R. R. Wood
G. T. Padgett	E. Holland
A. F. Paul	H. E. Strange
(Skip) ... 8	(Skip) ... 27
R. C. Butler	Lockhart
C. E. Gahagan	C. Strange
D. S. Hill	W. Bickford
A. Webster	R. R. Davies
(Skip) ... 24	(Skip) ... 12
43	58

CRAIGNOWER v. RECREIO.

On their own ground, the Craignower C.C. defeated the Club de Recreio by the narrow margin of three shots.

Scores:—	
Craignower.	Recreio.
D. K. Kharas	R. Rozario
F. K. Modi	A. E. Alves
W. V. Field	A. V. Barros
W. Gill	J. G. Ozoilo
(Skip) ... 14	(Skip) ... 24
C. M. S. Alves	L. Xavier
H. Hooper	J. M. S. Rosario
R. Ward	H. Alves
A. L. de Souza	F. X. da Silva
(Skip) ... 24	(Skip) ... 16
C. Summons	G. H. Basto
W. White	J. J. Basto
H. V. Pearce	F. V. V. Ribeiro
M. O'Brien	A. C. V. Ribeiro
(Skip) ... 20	(Skip) ... 15
58	55

TAIKOO R.C. v. K.B.G.C.

On their own ground, the Taikoo R.C. accounted for the Kowloon B.G.C. by the small margin of two shots.

Scores:—	
Taikoo R.C.	Bowling Green.
J. Watson	H. F. Stoneham
W. Cunningham	J. S. Logan
T. Grimes	W. E. Hale
D. Munro	A. W. E. Davidson
(Skip) ... 21	(Skip) ... 13
W. Brown	F. V. Whittia
T. Swan	J. G. Meyer
W. Bell	F. L. Rapley
R. K. Duncan	V. Petherick
(Skip) ... 25	(Skip) ... 26
S. Hope	C. S. Beat
J. Whyte	W. Venable
D. Speirs	G. E. F. Thompson
R. M. Keown	W. S. Drake
(Skip) ... 15	(Skip) ... 20
61	59

CHINESE R.C. BEAT RECREIO.

Probable Winners of "B" Division.

DEUTSCHER CLUB WIN.

The most important game in the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League programme on Saturday, was the "B" Division match between the Club de Recreio and the Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park. On the result of the match hung the probable destiny of the championship and as result a keen tussle ensued.

The Executive Committee of the Lawn Tennis Association has drafted the following bye-law, which is to take immediately effect:—

"Any League match which is stopped by rain, or other circumstances, shall, if one side has not already won five sets, be considered unplayed, and in the replay, an entirely new start to the match must be made. In the event of one side having secured five or more sets at the time any circumstance prevents the completion of the whole nine sets, the match shall be considered as a definite result, and the points awarded to the side having won the five or more sets."

The Chinese triumphed in the end by six sets to three.

Results at a Glance with League Tables to date.

Division I.	
P.	W. D. L. For Agst. Pts.
K.B.G.C.	9 0 0 0 562 463 18
C.C.C.	9 0 0 1 571 444 16
Taikoo R.C.	9 0 0 3 587 469 12
Recreio	9 4 0 5 510 497 8
C.S.C.C.	9 4 0 5 501 537 8
K. Deck	10 3 0 7 544 558 6
K.B.G.C.	9 3 0 6 476 550 6
Police R.C.	10 0 10 485 638 0

Division II.

P. W. D. L. For Agst. Pts.	
K.B.G.C.	9 0 0 3 582 488 12
Recreio	9 0 0 3 541 521 12
Taikoo R.C.	9 1 0 3 600 481 11
K.B.G.C.	8 5 1 2 503 433 11
C.C.C.	9 4 0 5 510 539 8
C.S.C.C.	9 4 0 5 488 520 8
Yacht C.C.	8 2 2 4 445 459 6
Electric R.C.	9 1 0 8 410 638 2

"BUNNY" AUSTIN IS BEATEN.

Perry Defeats Menzel in Davis Cup.

BRITAIN'S WIN.

Prague, Yesterday.

Britain defeated Czechoslovakia by four matches to one in the European Zone final of the Davis Cup here to-day.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—

Hecht (Czechoslovakia) beat H. W. Austin (Britain) 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

F. J. Perry (Britain) beat Menzel (Czechoslovakia) 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Earlier Results.

F. J. Perry and G. P. Hughes (Britain) beat Menzel and Marsalek (Czechoslovakia) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

H. W. Austin (Britain) beat Roderick Menzel (Czechoslovakia) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

F. J. Perry (Britain) beat Hecht (Czechoslovakia) 6-1, 8-6, 6-3.

CANTON NAVY BEAT HONG KONG SIDE.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER.

Chinese Athletic Prepare for Java Tour.

ARMY DEFEATS.

The Chinese Athletic Stadium at North Point was gaily decorated on Saturday with bunting and flags for the first Naval Inter-Port between the British Navy stationed at Hong Kong and the Canton Chinese Navy, the winners of the Canton Chinese League. Owing to most of the fleet being up at Wei-hai-wai the British Naval team was not at full strength although the majority of their team consisted of players from last year's "A" and "B" teams. The Chinese, on the other hand, were at full strength and had the assistance of several former Chinese Athletic players who have recently joined the Canton Navy.

British Weakness.

The British Navy were the first to get to business, Wyatt started a very nice forward movement but when well placed in front of goal sent behind. The Chinese Naval right wing, who was the fastest man of a very fast team, made a quick run down and centred well but Savage cleared. The British Navy were pressing, very heavily at the time but were weak in front of goal.

Vaughan put in a nice shot but Chui Han, the Chinese goalie had no difficulty in saving. Leung Tat Wing who was playing inside left, obtained possession in his own half, and made a spectacular run down the field, beating both Navy backs and looked certain to score. Savage was not to be beaten. Diving full length he managed to save the fine shot that Leung sent in. This save was the best of the match, and Savage was loudly applauded.

Face Slackens.

The game had gone about 25 minutes and the Chinese players seemed to be tired, the British players seeming to be lasting better. Play was much slower.

Just before half time Wyatt sent in a good shot. Chui Han got his hand to the ball, but was unable to save. The British Navy were having matters their own way now, with the Chinese hard pressed.

On the resumption Leung Tat-wing took the ball well down the field to send in a good shot. Savage ran out to save, and Mowbray tried to head clear, but instead sent it into his own goal, giving the Chinese the equaliser.

The Chinese a little later had a goal disallowed owing to Leung Tat-wing being offside. The Canton Naval team were all over the British players.

Penalty Goal.

The British backs were being hard pressed now and Carter, who had been playing a fine defensive game, handled, in clearing in the penalty area. Chuck Kwok-kwong, the Chinese centre, made no mistake, giving the Chinese Navy the lead.

Branch then made a good effort and sent in a fine high shot but it hit the corner post and went behind. Leung Tat-wing tried hard to score again but after a good run down he shot into Savage's hands. The British Navy tried hard to even matters in the last few minutes but without success, the whistle blowing with the Chinese Canton Navy winners by two goals to one.

Result:—

Canton Naval Team ... 2

British Naval Team ... 1

The teams lined up as follows:—

British Naval Team.—Savage, Carter, Mowbray, Robertson, Whiner, Kearney, Vaughan, Shand, Wyatt, Bennett, Branch.

Chinese Canton Naval Team.—Chui Han, Lai Yuk-tat, Wong Tin-fan, Wong Wing-hong, Wong Shui-wah, Lam Yuk-hu, Lai Chai-chee, Leung Tat-wing, Chuck Kwok-kwong, Ko Wai-tit, Wu Tin-po.

Referee: Mr. Darlington.

SUNDAY'S GAMES.

Chinese Athletic Touring Eleven's Busy.

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Result:—

Chinese Athletic ... 5

The Army ... 4

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THE BOY SCOUTS WILL CLEAN UP.

The following letter appeared in the Bradford Daily Telegraph:—"I protested last year to the organisers of our Whit-Monday School Treat that the children threw orange peel and chocolate wrappers, etc., anywhere. I was told 'it does not matter, the 'Boy Scouts' will clean up afterwards.' I was disgusted with the reply. 'Children ought to be taught that it is wrong to defile our fields and streets with litter.—Aesthetica.'"

ROVER SCOUTS HELP SEARCH PARTY.

A party of Rover Scouts from Holborn London, who were hiking near Newhaven recently were successful in finding a small girl who had been lost on the Downs all night. The police and farmers in the district had all been out searching for the lost girl without success.

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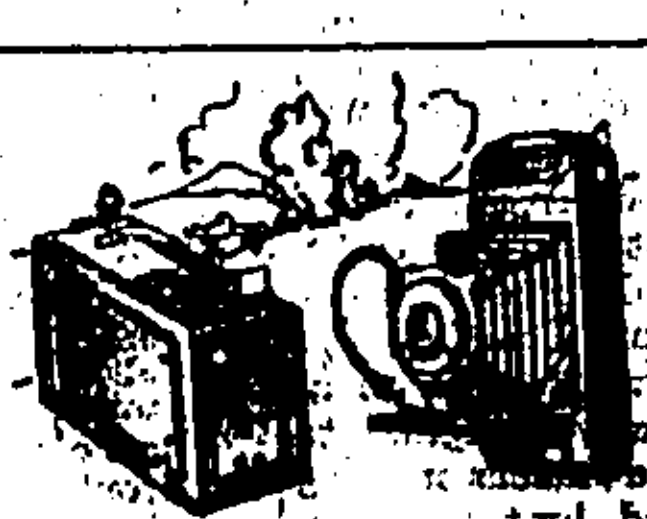
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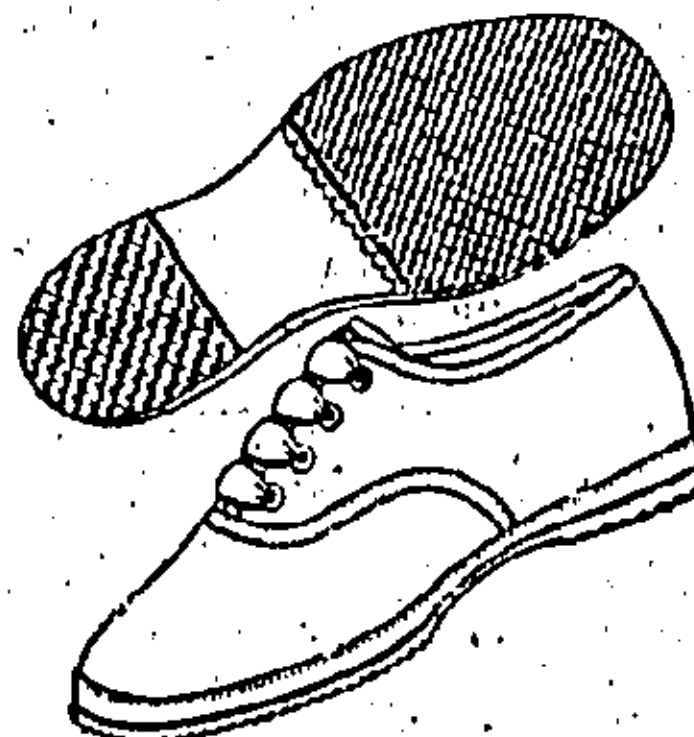
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DEATHS.

ADAMSON.—On May 30, 1931, at "Ardmore," Godolphin Road, Weybridge, Alice, the beloved wife of William Adamson, aged 69.

MACNIDER.—At the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday, July 12, 1931, Mrs. Lena MacNider. Sadly missed. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. W. A. Hannibal and Mr. Slade desire to thank sincerely all friends who sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes and all who attended the funeral of Mr. W. A. Hannibal.

Hong Kong, Monday, July 13, 1931.

"Peace Rally."

What has been described by the British Prime Minister as a unique gathering in support of one of the greatest causes that has ever enlisted the support of the people was held in the Albert Hall, London, on Saturday. There was some sound sense expressed—and, of course, a great deal of rant nonsense. The vast majority of us to-day are ardent pacifists. None of us wants to see another world war. The Prime Minister, sane though usual on this question, did well to state that alone one nation can pioneer, but alone one nation can not attain. Security rests—not to a degree—not in arms but in preventing causes which hitherto have led to war from developing into war. More than that, with all due deference to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, there is little use in Britain reducing naval, military and air armaments and personnel almost wholesale, and then other nations are strengthening

their offensive and defensive forces. That is the great danger to which Great Britain is exposed to-day.

The Conservative ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, rightly pointed out that many people do not realise what the British contribution to disarmament has been. With the advent of aerial warfare British insularity had gone for ever, yet after the war we virtually scrapped our Air Force, reducing 3,000 machines to 300 and disbanding nineteenth of the personnel. The same policy has been followed in respect of our Navy. The agitators for international disarmament will not or cannot see that the case of Britain in respect of the Navy is entirely on its own. There can be no possible comparison with the needs of the British Navy and those of the Navy of any other great Power. Until this is fully realised—alike by British statesmen and politicians and by the statesmen and politicians of other nations, the Disarmament Conference will be doomed to failure.

There have been too much of what Mr. Ramsay MacDonald calls sentiment and piety already clouding the issue of international disarmament. In the matter of protecting Britain's overseas Possessions and of safeguarding their trade routes in peace as well as in war there can be no room for sentiment or piety. What will profit still further concessions on the part of Great Britain if other nations cannot respond in proportion to their importance on the map of the world? There lies the whole crux of any Disarmament Conference either next year or next decade, and no amount of demonstrations, processions, and speeches in London can alter that fact.

News in Brief.

One non-Chinese case of typhoid fever was notified over the week-end.

The opening of the new building of the National City Bank of New York at No. 2 Queen's Road Central will take place on Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

When the S.S. Empress of Japan arrives from Manila at 10 a.m. on Thursday, she will go into dry dock at the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock for painting.

Amongst passengers of the S.S. President Garfield who disembarked in Hong Kong on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Hoogenboom of Holland. They are making a combined business and pleasure trip. Mr. Hoogenboom is a member of the Board of Directors of the Netherland Trading Society.

To-morrow, the French National Holiday, the French Consul-General will be at home at the Consular residence, 13 Peak Road, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 73 degrees. The humidity was 76 at 10 a.m. and 86 at 4 p.m. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the rainfall was 0.57 inch.

MRS. L. MACNIDER.

Death of a European Lady.

Mrs. Lena MacNider, widow of Mr. S. C. MacNider, formerly manager of the Eng. Hok Fong S.S. Co., (who died in 1915), died at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon, following a short illness. The deceased lady, who had been suffering from heart complaint for some time, became seriously ill on Saturday morning and was taken to hospital. She became worse yesterday and death intervened.

She is survived by three children, Gladys, Stanley, and Eric, and much sympathy will be felt for them as well as for Mrs. MacNider's sisters and other relatives in their sad bereavement. The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.15.

PRAYING MANTIS.

A Sportsman-Like Insect.

ATTITUDE OF PIETY.

Should not the praying mantis be really called the preying mantis, was a question asked him, said Mr. G. M. R. Henry, in a lecture on the "praying mantis," before a meeting of the Ceylon Natural History Society held recently in the reading room of the Colombo Museum.

The mantis, he said, had been given that name not because of its predaceous nature but because it assumed an attitude of piety. So much so that in some countries they were objects of superstitious veneration. Illustrating his lecture with lantern slides on the general points of the mantis, the lecturer said that it had a mouth of biting type as distinct from the suctorial type such as that of the mosquito. While some other insects produced a musical noise by rubbing together their bodies and their wings, the mantis was not a musician at all, the noise produced being somewhat like the hiss of a snake. In Malaya they were brilliantly coloured, in metallic blues and greens. The local ones were coloured, green, brown, and grey, for the purpose of concealment. They had large compound eyes and had a very intelligent look about them. They also had three small eyes between the two larger eyes. It was frequently stated that flies had millions of eyes but it was really one eye with a large number of facets which went to form one single eye.

Its antennae vibrated so quickly that only a blur could be seen. These took the place of its nose. It had a double series of strong spines on the femur of its forelegs which was an efficient implement for it to seize its prey with. The mantis covered up its eggs with an alternate series of mucus which protected them from ordinary enemies but was sufficiently porous to enable air to go through. It killed its prey for food and dispatched its victim in a neat and sportsmanlike manner. They were divided into three main groups, the twig mimics, the leaf and flower mimics and the bark and lichen mimics. The mantis was not of any immediate direct use to man but helped to maintain the balance of nature, preying on other insects.

DRIVING CAR AT 16.

"Not to Blame" for Death of Boy.

At an inquest at Hendon on Frederick John Wells, aged 9, of Lawrence Street, Mill Hill, who was fatally injured by a car at Hendon Central while returning from school, the driver of the car, Robert Anthony Harley, of Villan Avenue, Hendon, told the coroner that his age was 15.

He had been a motorist since November last and had a clean licence. The car involved was not his own, but he had had permission to use it. He was not out on a joy ride, but on business, for his motor. The jury found that Harley was not to blame, and returned a verdict of accidental death.

IS AMUNDSEN ALIVE?

American Explorer's Belief.

The possibility that the famous explorer Amundsen is still alive on Crown Prince Rudolf Island, near Francis Joseph's Land in the Arctic Ocean, is affirmed by the American Arctic explorer, Mr. Flah, in a letter to the Soviet Russian Company "Intourist" which is organising a journey by the Russian icebreaker Malgyn leaving Archangel on July 15 for the Arctic regions. The well known Russian expert in Arctic matters, Professor Wiesse, declares that measures will be taken to ascertain the existence of traces of Amundsen.

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Freed from this torture, it passes through the hands of little girls, who de-stalk all but about 20 per cent. of it. And then the gristliest part of the whole business takes place. The leaves are carried, with merciful swiftness, along moving bands to machines where knives two feet square—and sharper than professional politicians—descend like guillotines ten times a second, and cut them into thin, long strands, amid a roar like Croydon air port on a busy afternoon. These knives are reground every three minutes.

Mechanical Dusters. So along another band, at fair walking pace, and under a revolving magnet—which rounds up stray flake bits of wire, and so on, with steady indifference—to a container where the stream is mixed with "reject" tobacco. This "reject" tobacco is from cigarettes which, later in the game, are thrown out for one reason or another—torn paper, torn boxes, and so on.

Now, how to take out the grit and dust which the crooning Dusks pulled up with the plant? For ladies are particular, and the number of women who smoke nowadays is prodigious, and is ever increasing. The tobacco is pushed into a revolving and slightly sloping cylinder, rather like those terrifying "amusements" at exhibitions.

Huge teeth catch it, . . . and pitchfork it round, while the dust is whisked away by a little breeze.

And No Mistakes. The stuff now has a purple future. In front of it. If you would see the next process you must don dark blue goggles, or the violet rays which deal death to any germs (while the tobacco whirls round inside another barrel)—will give you that Palm Beach complexion.

All germs dead, the mixture is now ready to be made up, and after a day's quiet relaxation it is taken across to a corner where narrow rolls of paper, each about two-and-a-half miles long, roll about waiting to encompass it.

While it is waiting, the paper gets itself stamped, gummed, and licked, and then, as the tobacco passes through a narrow tube, it leaps out, and coils itself round it.

The whole thing would now emerge as one continuous cigarette ("rejects" from this machine are sometimes many yards long) were it not cut up eleven hundred times a minute into cigarettes.

Once cut up and shot out, the cigarettes are gathered and weighed—no, not separately—and passed to another machine where, in twenties, or it may be in tens, they are automatically wrapped in tin foil, and thrust into their little boxes, which another machine nearby fits together in the nick of time to close round them.

If only nineteen are thrust in, a bell rings! If one coupon too few is thrust in a bell rings!

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of July 13, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7 1/2.

An advertisement in this issue announces that an interim dividend of 43 per share subject to deduction of income-tax has been declared for the half-year ended June 30, 1921, at the rate of 2/7 per dollar, by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The dividend will be paid on and after Monday, August 3. The following interim dividends are also announced:—Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company Ltd., 44 per share; the Hong Kong Central Estate Ltd., 84 per share; and the West Point Building Company Ltd., 412 per share all for the six months ended June 30.

A SPY REMOVES WAR PLANS.

German Revelations of a Stolen Document.

FLANDERS CAMPAIGN.

One of the most astonishing feats in the history of spying before the war—the abstraction of a document from the room of Field-Marshal Sir William Nicholson then Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at the War Office, Whitehall—is credited to the Germans in a new volume of illuminating "German Diplomatic Documents (1911-14)," a translation of which has been published.

The story is all the more remarkable because the document, written in October 1911, deals with the strategy of the prospective war.

Major Ostertag, German military attaché in London, writes to Berlin, in February 1912:—

"Chance has thrown into my hands an extraordinary interesting letter from one British general to another.

"The writer of it describes in detail the views of French officers of high rank on a war against Germany, in connection with which the employment of the British Army on the left wing in combination with French Army corps is discussed."

Major Ostertag explains that the writer of the letter was General Townshend (of Kut), whose wife was French.

The letter itself, a copy of which Major Ostertag sent to Berlin, is given in a full translation.

Alsace-Lorraine.

General Townshend, writing to "My dear Haldane," states in it that he has had "a long conversation with Mordacq, of Joffre's staff, in Paris" and he says, "we discussed the probable zones of operations of the French and German army groups in the event of war."

He mentions facts about German preparations, and says:—"It is a clear indication that the Germans would use Alsace-Lorraine as a secondary or defensive field in order to contain the French in that region, while they would use Belgium and Luxembourg at the main or attacking field."

There are four and a half printed pages of the letter.

Townshend says that Mordacq did not agree that the German main mass would go through Belgium, but through Luxembourg on the Metz-Verdun line, and that the British Army should stand on the line Maubeuge-Mezieres.

Events three years later proved that Townshend was right and that Joffre's staff officer, was wrong—hence the German advance to the Marne.

Major Ostertag tells Berlin that the recipient of the letter "must have lost it."

Kaiser's Jeers.

Mr. E. T. S. Dugdale, the translator of the documents and editor of the book, adds this note:—

"The translator is informed by General Sir Aylmer Haldane that the German military attaché's conjecture is quite incorrect."

General Haldane handed General Townshend's letter to General Sir William Nicholson in the War Office. The latter probably tore it up and threw it into the wastepaper basket, whence undoubtedly it eventually came into the hands of Major Ostertag.

Sir Aylmer is a nephew of the late Viscount Haldane, the War Minister at the time.

The volume is also notable for rabid jeers at the King and British statesmen penned by the Kaiser, and for many comments by the Kaiser declaring his belief that it was certain England would fight against Germany. He declares it over and over again.

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UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—
Madge Fraser, Hong Kong Hotel, from Singapore.
Hole, from Singapore, Sub.
Pindoo, from Singapore.S. LACK,
Manager.

Hong Kong, July 9, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—
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INWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, JULY 13.
Shanghai and Swatow Klungchow
TUESDAY, JULY 14.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 19) President McKinley
(Ship due 6.30 p.m. July 13.)
Java and Manila Tjikarang
Calcutta and Straits Tilawa

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.
Manila Empress of Japan
Amoy and Swatow Van Heutsz

THURSDAY, JULY 16.
Calcutta and Straits Kut Sang
Australia and Manila Kitano Maru
Europe via Suez, (Letters & Papers, London, June 18 and Parcels, June 11) Rajputana

FRIDAY, JULY 17.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, June 27) President Taft

SATURDAY, JULY 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 26) Asama Maru

SUNDAY, JULY 19.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, June 24) Hikawa Maru

TUESDAY, JULY 21.
Japan and Shanghai D'Artagnan

SATURDAY, JULY 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 26) President Polk

MONDAY, JULY 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, July 3) President Grant

OUTWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, JULY 13.
Samahui and Wuchow Kong So 4 p.m.
Ordinary letters only for Europe superscribed "via Siberia" by Air Mail, Shanghai-Manchuli

Swabue Antolycus
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia K.P.O. July 13, 4.30 p.m.
G.P.O. 5 p.m.
Cheung On 5 p.m.
Antolycus 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 14.
Java via Batavia Tjileboet 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Manila President McKinley 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.
Swatow Kwai Sang 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan Yu Sang 10.30 a.m.
Salgon Halvard 4.30 p.m.
Amoy Tai Yuan 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 16.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island Van Heutsz 10.30 a.m.

Friday, July 17.
Tai Ping
(Due Thursday Island, July 28.)
Parcels July 16, 5 p.m.
Registration July 17, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.

Japan Kitano Maru 9.30 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Halphong Klungchow 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Yang 2 p.m.
Amoy Tjikarang 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver, B.C. Kut Sang 5 p.m.

Empress of Japan
(Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)
Parcels July 17, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.

Empress of Japan
(Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)
Registration July 17, 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia
(Due Marseilles, Aug. 14.)
G.P.O. 5 p.m.

Parcels July 17, 4.30 p.m.
Registration July 18, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 18.
Amoy Tai Yuan 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 19.
Sandakan Mau Sang 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Klungchow 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 21.
Salgon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles D'Artagnan
(Due Marseilles, Aug. 22.)
Registration July 21, 11.45 a.m.
Letters 12.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Diomed
(Due Marseilles, Aug. 21.)
G.P.O. 1.45 p.m.

K.P.O. July 21, 1 p.m.
Registration July 21, 1.45 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Chang 1 p.m.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset
in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for July, 1931. Standard time of the 128th Meridian East of Greenwich are as follows:—

July	Sunrise	Sunset
13	5.46	7.11
14	5.47	7.11
15	5.47	7.11
16	5.48	7.10
17	5.48	7.10
18	5.49	7.10
19	5.49	7.10
20	5.50	7.09
21	5.50	7.09
22	5.51	7.08
23	5.51	7.08
24	5.51	7.07
25	5.51	7.07
26	5.52	7.07
27	5.52	7.06
28	5.52	7.06
29	5.53	7.06
30	5.53	7.06
31	5.54	7.06

RADIO TRUST.

Langmuir Patent Held
To Be Invalid.

The action of the United States Supreme Court in holding that the Langmuir Radio Tube (wireless valve) patent is invalid, thus reversing the decision of the Lower Court, is hailed as a smashing victory over the Radio Trust.

The effect of the Supreme Court's finding sustains the contention of the plaintiffs, the De Forest Radio Company, as against the General Electric Company, that the Langmuir patent was not infringed by the De Forest concern.

The Langmuir patent is, it is contended, the most important item in the patent pool of the Radio Corporation of America, the General Electric Company and the General Motors Corporation, which the Federal Government had sued to disprove as a violation of the Sherman Law.

It is difficult to estimate the many millions of dollars are involved in the decision.

ADVERTISING BY
WIRELESS.The B.B.C. Charged with
Humbug.

A meeting of Associated British Authors and Composers was held last month, for the discussion of methods of stamping out "song-plugging" practices in broadcasts by dance bands from hotels and dance halls outside the B.B.C. studios. Mr. J. F. Lewis, who presided, said that there was a practice, well known to publishers, of subsidising artists in order to advertise new songs.

"When broadcasting came along," said Mr. Lewis, "the payments for ordinary concerts became restricted. Concerts were not of much real value owing to the big drop in sheet-music sales, but wireless performances were a different matter. The advertisement, in this case, went further afield, and brought much bigger sales—if not of sheet music, at any rate of gramophone records, which, at 6½ per cent. per double-sided record, made wireless 'plugging' a more or less paying proposition.

"The B.B.C. deals with far too many professional people not to be aware of this matter, so that there can be no question of their being unaware that wireless is already being used, and used very widely, for advertising—in spite of Sir John Reith's statement that he is definitely opposed to the use of wireless for advertising.

"Winked At" By Officials.
"Every subsidised performance that comes over the ether is an advertisement for a music publisher, and is on an entirely different plane from work performed on its merits alone. We in the music trade know that this is the case, and I deliberately charge the B.B.C. with knowing it also, and condoning it, while at the same time hypocritically denying that any advertising goes on.

"The attitude taken up by the B.B.C. officials is this: 'It is not our business what music is played by the outside bands, or what terms publishers make with them.' The conclusion one is compelled to arrive at are that the officials of the B.B.C. are fully aware that advertising is going on, and that they not merely wink at it, but by their apathy, encourage it.

"One would have thought it entirely their business to ascertain how much of the £45,000 a year they pay for the right to use music actually goes to subsidisers. But no, that question is apparently nobody's business at the B.B.C."

The meeting passed a resolution expressing strong disapproval of "the present use of wireless for advertising purposes by a small section only of the music trade," and urging the B.B.C. to "widen the sphere of its usefulness as an advertising medium, or, alternatively, to bring the practice of advertising by wireless to an end."

B.B.C. Reply.

The following reply to the criticisms was made by a representative of the B.B.C.: "The criticism of the B.B.C. would be much more constructive and therefore much more practical if Mr. Lewis would acquaint the Corporation with definite cases of subsidising by publishers of dance orchestras for broadcast performances.

"It will be remembered that as a protest against alleged song-plugging the B.B.C. two years ago declined to allow the titles of dance numbers or the singing of choruses to be included during the broadcast. For several months the name of the orchestra and the place where it was played were announced at the opening of the broadcast, and at intervals of 20 minutes during the performance from the studio at Savoy Hill.

"Meetings between the publishers and the B.B.C. were held at Savoy Hill during this period, and considerable negotiation took place, the attitude of the B.B.C. being that it would not be a party to any advertising during the broadcast of particular numbers of individual publishers. That has been the attitude of the B.B.C. ever since dance music was first broadcast.

PHANTON SHIP
HOAX.Rescue Expedition That
Was Not Needed.

A radio operator with a perverted sense of humour perpetrated a curious hoax on Soviet public opinion, which has just been discovered. Some weeks ago radio stations and private operators began to pick up messages calling urgently for help, in which the words "ship" and "stuck in ice" could be faintly distinguished.

It proved impossible to locate the name of any ship which was in danger, and the northernmost Soviet radio stations failed to hear the signals. However, a message was finally heard with the definite name of a ship, Victory. The newspapers began to scold the naval authorities for bureaucratic negligence in not identifying this ship earlier, and the ice-breaker Malign was despatched from Archangel to rescue the Victory, as messages depicting alarming shortage of food and fuel on the ship continued to come in.

The anti-climax to what looked like a striking story of Arctic hardship and adventure came in the shape of a brief announcement that the whole affair was a hoax, and that the Victory was in no danger whatever. It has not been stated whether the person responsible for these false messages has been discovered or what punishment has been meted out to him.

LESSON SERMON.

First Church of Christ,
Scientist, Hong Kong.

"Sacrament" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, July 12.

The Golden Text was—"Jesus saith unto them: My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." (John 4:34.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson Sermon was the following from the Bible:—"And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also following him. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:39, 41, 42.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"If all who ever partook of the sacrament had really commemorated the sufferings of Jesus and drunk of his cup, they would have revolutionized the world. If all who seek his commemoration through material symbols will take up the cross, heal the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ or Truth, to the poor—the receptive thought—they will bring in the millennium." (p. 34.)

NOVEL OF ADVENTURE.

"The White Tiger," by F. A. Mitchell-Hedges; Crown 8vo, cloth, 7s. 6d. net.

The author of this novel of adventure and romance in Central America is too well-known as an explorer and sportsman to need any introduction to the general public. His tale centres round the figure of a financier once famous in the City, who by the strange play of circumstances comes to hold mysterious sway over an Indian tribe. In the face of plotting politicians and lawless soldiers he becomes the founder of a great republic and, overcoming the difficulties and dangers of the barbaric wilds, he finds at length the woman who is his true mate.

Mr. Josiah Greenhalgh, President of the Oldham Boy Scouts Association, speaking at a meeting at Shaw recently, said: "Scouting taught youth to be honourable, upright and just, and the sincerity of helpfulness when a good deed was necessary."

It was thus: one of the finest movements in the world for the training of character. If the ideals of the Movement were loyally carried out Scouts would rank as the best and finest citizens of the country.

He added that he had found much happiness in the Movement and believed most of the lads were happy, too.

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Bank of Asia	127	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1435	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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China Fire Ins.	375	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
H. K. Fire Ins.	1400	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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Douglas	341	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
H. K. Steamships	221	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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(Def.)	80	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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Mining.						
Benguet	91	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	391	June	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Langkat (Single) Th.	4.05	Oct.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Shai Exploration Th.	2	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
"Loans" Th.	4	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
"Raub" Th.	314	35	...	Mar.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Venezuela Gold Fields	92	9	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	184	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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Hongkong Th.	270	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
N. Engineering Th.	74	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Shanghai Docks Th.	100	Apr.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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(new)	161	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
H.K. Lands	921	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Shanghai Lands Th.	381	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Humphreys (old)	204	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
(new)	101	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
H. K. Realities	14.40	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Chinese Estates	90	Feb.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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"Ewo Cotton Th.	14.40	144	...	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Shanghai Cotton Th.	90	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Zong Sing Th.	11	June	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Public Utilities.						
"H. K. Tramways" Th.	21	21.40	...	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Peak Tram (old)	14	Apr.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
(new)	0.00	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Star Ferry	948	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
Yammut Ferry	201	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
"China Light	202	Sept.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
H. K. Electric	81	Dec.	...	Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex. 1st Aug. 1931
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RITANO MARU	Saturday,	22nd August.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Tuesday,	28th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
HEIYO MARU	Tuesday,	28th July.
NEW YORK BOSTON via Panama.		
ATAGO MARU	Saturday,	25th July.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.		
DURBAN MARU	Saturday,	18th July.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
MURORAN MARU	Thursday,	18th July.
MALACCA MARU	Wednesday,	29th July.
HANGCHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		
RITANO MARU (Nagasaki direct)	Friday,	17th July.
BENGAL MARU	Saturday,	18th July.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Friday,	24th July.

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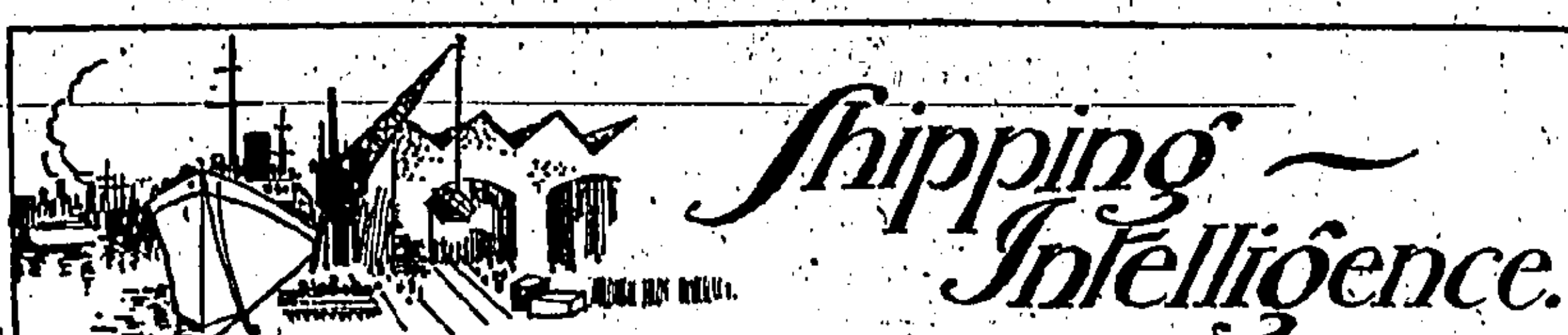
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Spore, Penang & Calcutta	SUISANG	Sun. 26th July at 10 a.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Thurs. 23rd July at 8 p.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	KOSANG	Sat. 8th Aug. at 8 p.m.
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Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, KOSANG		Tues. 23rd July at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, YUENSANG		Wed. 8th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	YUSANG	Wed. 15th July at Noon
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sun. 19th July at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	RINSANG	Fri. 24th July at Noon
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Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	July 7	July 10
West River at Shuiling	—	—
North River at Samshui	—	—
North River at Tsingyuen	15.3	12.9
East River at Sheklung	3.0	5.2

The level at Shuiling on July 8 was 26.3 feet and at Tsingyuen on July 7 was 18 feet.

The highest levels recorded are: Shuiling, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—West wall.
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Moorhen—South Wall.
Odin—East wall.
Seraph—North arm.
Serapis—North arm.
Sepoy—North arm.
Stormcloud—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.

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TITANIC LIFEBOAT

After washing about in the sea for 19 years a scarred and discoloured lifeboat marked A.S. Titanic has been washed up on the shore of Gravesend Bay, New York.

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HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest-scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

July 13 to 19, 1931.

DATE	High Water	Low Water
July	Times	Times
Mon. 13	11.40	5.05
Tues. 14	11.44	5.05
Wed. 15	11.48	5.05
Thurs. 16	11.52	5.05
Fri. 17	11.56	5.05
Sat. 18	12.00	5.05
Sun. 19	12.04	5.05

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, July 10.
Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 6,306 tons, Captain Y. Okuno, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—N.Y.K.

Takada, British str., 6,949 tons, Captain H. Hitchcock, from Japan and Amoy, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Vancouver Maru, Japanese str., 4,259 tons, Capt. M. Hashida, from Dunkirk via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Saturday, July 11.
Amazon Maru, Japanese str., 4,823 tons, Captain T. Tasaki, from Dunkirk via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Ardent, Norwegian str., 1,101 tons, Capt. E. Kroger, from Bangkok, buoy No. B8.—K. Larsen & Co.

Billiton, Dutch str., 5,889 tons, Captain C. J. H. Wiker, from Rotterdam, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Klette, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B26.—Dedwell & Co.

Dell Maru, Japanese str., 1,219 tons, Capt. E. Sanada, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—O.S.K.

Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Captain J. Bruhn, from Saigon, buoy No. C3.—Chang Tong Ha.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,259 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Chefoo, buoy No. B18.—Loong Tai Hong.

Foshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mifford, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Fushimi Maru, Japanese str., 6,259 tons, Captain N. Narui, from London via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Haining, British str., 832 tons, Captain A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hermes, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Captain C. Anderson, from Samarinda, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Thoresen & Co.

Kumakata Maru, Japanese str., 703 tons, Capt. C. Kawamoto, from Keelung, Yau-mai Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. A. F. Summersfield, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. D. Wilson, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Pilsna, Italian str., 4,829 tons, Capt. Cosulich, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Dodwell & Co.

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Tango Maru, Japanese str., 4,238 tons, Captain M. Uchino, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

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STOWAWAYS.

Thorough Search at Australian Ports.

Things are so very bad in Australia at the present time that every ship has to be carefully searched for stowaways before she leaves one of their ports. This search is as thorough as it can well be, without resorting to the smoking out process that was used during the American Civil War, but the case of a ship coming from Australia, as revealed in a London Police Court, shows that nothing short of suffocation can be quite effective. She was duly searched when she left Sydney and six stowaways were discovered, but two days out two more appeared, and as the ship already had a full crew and there was no work for them to do, they cost the company £18 a head to bring to Britain.

The means adopted by these stowaways to conceal themselves show how desperate the situation is. One, a seaman who had deserted his ship in Australia some years ago, encased his whole body with newspapers and then buried himself in coal in the bunkers up to his neck. His head he concealed from notice with an old coat and for two days he must have been in agony with the weight of coal. The other man got underneath one of the boilers and stood the torture of the tremendous heat for a considerable time before he finally revealed himself. Three weeks' hard labour for each of them completes the story; the owners of the ship remain with the loss of their keep.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on July 10 (Fri.) at 5 p.m., left Yokohama on July 11 (Sat.) at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on July 20 (Mon.). She leaves Vancouver for Hong Kong via ports on August 1 (Sat.).

The Ben Line s.s. Benary from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on July 18.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Manila on July 12 (Sun.) at 8 a.m., leaves Manila on July 13 (Mon.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on July 15 (Wed.) at 6 a.m., proceeding direct to Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock for dry-docking and painting. She berths at Kowloon Wharf at about 10 a.m. on July 16 (Thurs.) and leaves Hong Kong on July 18 (Sat.) at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Rajputana left Singapore for this port on July 12 at 7 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on July 16 at about 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe, Shimizu, Yokohama and Honolulu at 6 a.m. on July 18 (Saturday).

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Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	—	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	—	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	—	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	—	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	—	Nov. 9
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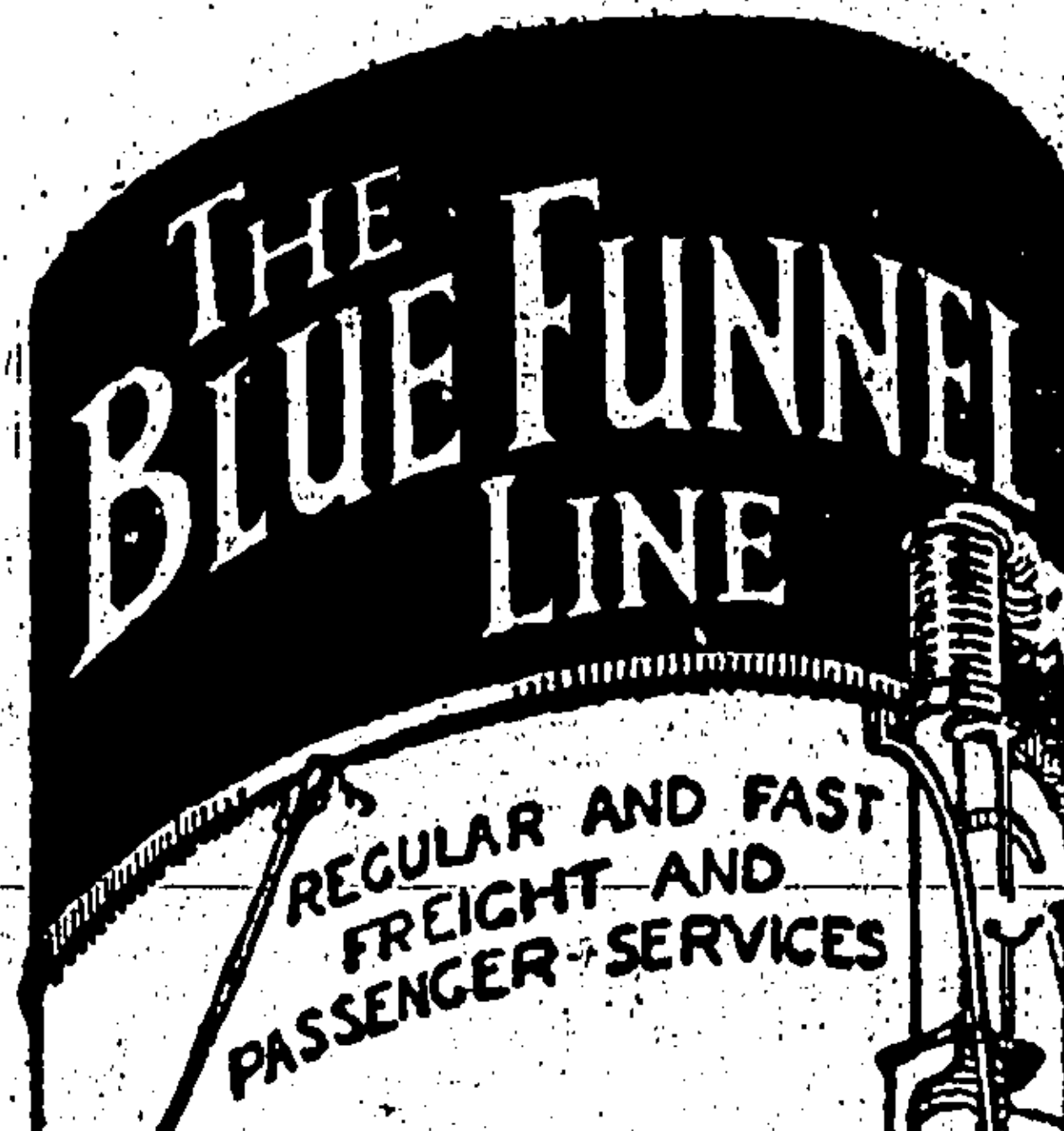
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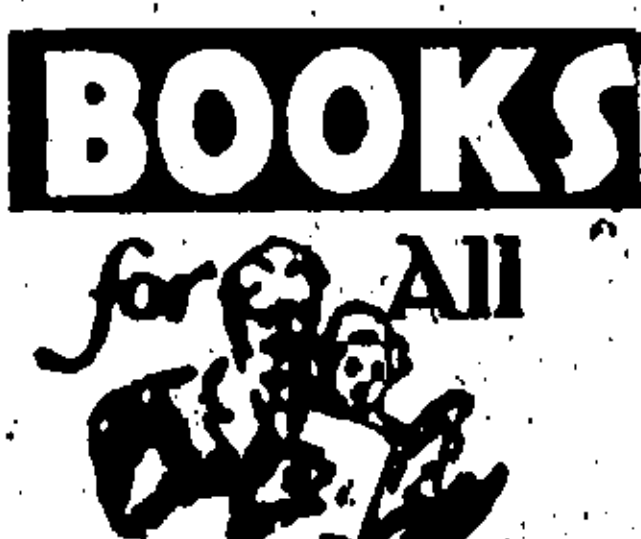
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TWO RIVALS IN
LONGEVITY.Claims of a Chinese
Patriarch.

TURK'S VIEWS.

Zora Agha, Europe's oldest man, has had his attention drawn to the fact that he has a Chinese rival. The town of Kaishin, in Szechwan Province, boasts of a super-patriarch believed to be 252 years of age and there are local university authorities, who maintain the authenticity of the claim.

The assertion (writes a representative of the London Daily Telegraph) is that Li Ching-yen, the patriarch in question, is twice mentioned in the dynastic records of the nation. They order these things better in China, as a rule, and they are strong on documents. But Zora is equal to challenge, as you shall hear.

The Turkish centenarian-and-a-half hearkened patiently while the details of this Oriental upstart were read over to him by the interpreter, Mr. Redvan. At the end of the recital Zora shook his venerable head with vigour.

"I find this very hard to believe," he said, with hearty emphasis. "If there's an old man like that in China, why don't they produce him? Surely if this were true there would be doctors visiting him from everywhere, as they did me, long before I started on my travels."

Always the Same.
"In America the medical men tapped and tested me all over—heart and lungs and muscles and the rest—and they couldn't find anything wrong. It's always been the same, and I've been the oldest man in Turkey as long as other people remember."

He talks vivaciously in a big booming voice, and the extent to which he opens his capacious mouth would almost persuade one that he had studied voice production.

"Has the Chinaman got any papers?" was his next query. "Here are mine," and from the depths of somewhere a document was unfolded and laid bare. It purports to be a birth certificate of a retrospective character, drafted on the authority of the Turkish Government.

"Besides," he went on, "do the Chinese have the same sort of reckoning as we do? I always thought people in the Far East had their own ways of reckoning, and perhaps the Chinese year is shorter than ours."

"Who want to live in China, anyway?" he asked, with a boisterous laugh. He usually attributes his longevity to a cheery disposition, and here it found full scope. He seemed to think, with Tenyson, that 150 years of Turkey were better than a cycle of Cathay.

Vegetable Diet.
Zora then asked if anything were known about the old Chinaman's mode-of-life. He was informed that Li chiefly lived on a herb of almost magical properties discovered years ago in the course of his researches as a druggist.

"Yes," he said, "I believe in a vegetarian diet, but it doesn't suit everybody. I hardly ever knew the taste of flesh meat until I was grown up—a hundred or so," and he waved his long brown fingers with the air of a Chancellor accustomed to handling millions.

Then came the delicate question of sex; Zora used to be something of a gallant, and is still a bit of family man. He asked if his Chinese rival had had any wives to speak of.

He was told that Li had survived twenty-three wives, as against his own eleven, and for the nonce he may have felt a mere amateur. Nevertheless, he bravely shook his head, and crossed one spatted foot over the other as he lay back in upholstery.

It almost seemed as if he were going to minimise the troubles of matrimony in China as compared with those of Turkey. But he sought refuge in his documentary attestations, and fired off directions of incommunicable import to his manager, Mr. Eddie Cullens. There will be some rummaging of records in the Szechwan Province, you may depend.

Till Allah Calls.
The hero of half-a-dozen campaigns, and a hundred fights—besides odd ones—is an expert on war. "They talk me England had a big share in the last war," he said. "Did you have any fighting out here? Just as well. You've heard about my fighting against Napoleon, in Syria, I suppose?"

That campaign keeps cropping up in Zora's talk just as King Charles's head used to do in the conversation of Mr. Dick.

BRITISH ARCTIC
EXPEDITION.To Aid Weather
Prediction.

ITS OBJECTS AND HAZARDS.

A great deal of publicity (writes a correspondent) has been given to the British Arctic Air Route Expedition during the last few weeks owing to the initial failure of a relief party in locating the observer's camp on the ice cap of Greenland, and the consequent anxiety for Mr. Augustine Court-aud's safety.

The difficulties which attended efforts to send assistance, and finally the successful flight of Captain Ahrenberg from Sweden to Greenland, organised and accomplished within a few days of the time when the help of the Swedish Aerotransport Company was first sought, make a vivid appeal to the imagination. At the same time there is a natural feeling of admiration for the fortitude and hardihood exhibited by Mr. Court-aud in the self-appointed and hazardous task.

It is to be hoped, however, that the serious purpose of the venture will not be overlooked, and that it will be realized that this young man did not expose himself to the risk of destruction and the certainty of enduring those mental and physical discomforts, which a lonely vigil through a long Arctic winter must entail, merely for the love of adventure. Nor should it be said that this risk was unjustifiable, without due consideration of the facts. No step was taken without careful weighing of the chances as against the worth of the results which were hoped for.

The chief object of the expedition was to obtain accurate knowledge of winter conditions on the great ice plateau which is the interior of Greenland, hitherto unknown, and only to be made known by personal observation. Such knowledge must be of real and practical value.

Justifiable Risks.
In the first place, it would decide the question whether it is possible to establish a landing place for aeroplanes available at all seasons, thus making practicable an air service between Canada and Great Britain, and bringing Winnipeg within three days of London—a project of the highest importance to both countries.

In the second place, it would mark a very definite step forward in the study of the science of meteorology. Professor Einstein and other searchers in this field tell us that Greenland is the birthplace of atmospheric disturbances, and it must be obvious that facts concerning the weather in the place where the weather comes from, cannot fail to help those who make forecasts, and may indeed assist in preserving human life and property.

The facts are known to many, and could obviously be elaborated but, thus shortly stated, may possibly convince others that any risks taken were justifiable, and that Mr. Watkins and the members of his party deserve well of the community. It was found impossible to leave more than one man at the advanced post in the circumstances, although the intention had been to provide for two, to be relieved at intervals. Unless some member had volunteered to remain alone the year would have been lost and the expedition forced to return without tangible results.

An undertaking, financed as this was by private subscription, having once failed, is not easy to repeat. It may, although equally arduous, have lacked the spectacular appeal of a dash to the Pole or an attempt on Mount Everest, but it will have added something to the sum of human knowledge and justified the facing of hazards inseparable from such endeavours.

LIFE IN RUSSIA.

Jewish Visitor's "List
of Prices."

The prohibitive cost of foodstuffs in Soviet Russia was mentioned at the annual conference of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations held in London.

Mr. S. Koldofsky, who went on a mission to Russia on behalf of the Federation to ascertain the position of Jews there and who has just returned, said that food was scarce.

"Milk, butter, cheese, and meat are hard to get," he said, "and the cost is prohibitive. Even sufficient bread is not obtainable. Bread, like other foodstuffs, is only sold to those who have bread cards, and not issued to all citizens alike. De-classed people, artisans working on their own, tailors, shoemakers, watchmakers, &c., get no cards at all."

These are some of the prices paid in Moscow quoted by Mr. Koldofsky: Milk 1s. 9d. a pint; butter 25s. per pound; eggs 1s. 9d. each; and oranges (if obtainable) 4s. each.

Lemons cannot be obtained for love or money," said Mr. Koldofsky, "and the same applies to coffee."

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

		July 2, June, June,					
		1931.	1918.	1914.			
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.			
Butcher Meat.							
Beef	Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	33	24	12	
	Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	30	28	11	
	Corned	咸燒牛	肉	—	—	28	13
	Roast	燒牛	肉	33	24	22	
	Breast	牛	肉	30	20	18	
	Soup	湯牛	肉	27	20	18	
	Steak	牛	肉	33	24	22	
	Steak Sirloin	牛	肉	46	30	35	
	Sausages	牛	肉	86	26	20	
Butchok's	Brains	牛	腦	per set	17	10	12
	Tongue, fresh	牛	舌	each	75	50	60
	Tongue, corned	咸牛	舌	—	—	60	—
	Head	牛	頭	\$1.20	—	\$1.20	—
	Heart	牛	心	lb.	24	18	14
	Hump, Salt	牛	心	—	20	18	—
	Feet	牛	腳	each	12	10	12
	Kidneys	牛	腰	—	15	10	12
	Tail	牛	尾	—	27	20	22
	Liver	牛	肝	lb.	24	18	14
	Tripe	牛	肚	—	8	6	7
Calves'	Head & Feet	牛	仔頭蹄	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton	Chop	羊	排	lb.	44	28	—
	Leg	羊	蹄	—	44	28	—
	Shoulder	羊	手	—	40	24	—
	Saddle	羊	鞍	—	44	—	—
Pig's	Chittlings	豬	肉	—	30	27	—
	Brains	豬	腦	For set	3	—	—
	Feet	豬	腳	lb.	16	15	—
	Fry	豬	什	—	28	15	18
	Head	豬	頭	—	18	20	—
	Heart	豬	心	each	15	10	10
	Kidneys	豬	腰	—	15	10	8
	Liver	豬	肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork	Chop	排	肉	—	36	25	23
	Leg	豬	蹄	—	38	—	—
	Loin	豬	腰	—	44	60	70
	Fat or Lard	豬	油	—	26	21	—
Sheep's	Head & Feet	羊	頭蹄	per set	60	60	70
	Heart	羊	心	each	12	8	7
	Kidneys	羊	腰	—	15	12	10
	Liver	羊	肝	—	45	28	25
Sucking	Pig, to order	乳豬	肉	lb.	25	25	72
Suet,	Beef	牛	牛油	—	80	20	18
	Mutton	羊	牛油	—	86	26	26
Veal		牛	仔	—	22	20	20
	Sausages	牛	肉	—	28	—	—
	No. 1.	牛	肉	—	82	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb.	52	16	24
Bream	魚	lb.	34	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	魚	lb.	34	—	—
Carp	魚	lb.	35	13	16
Catfish	魚	lb.	40	16	27
Codfish	魚	lb.	38	12	9
Crabs	魚	lb.	46	16	17
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	27	23	26
Dab	魚	lb.	26	16	27
Dace	魚	lb.	48	23	16
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	22	10	—
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	45	10	8
Flat Water	魚	lb.	44	16	—
Yellow	魚	lb.	42	10	8
Fry	魚	lb.	78	26	30
Grouper	魚	lb.	85	32	25
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	30	40	30
Herrings	魚	lb.	32	22	18
Halibut	魚	lb.	35	13	23
Labrus	魚	lb.	40	18	15
Loach	魚	lb.	76	32	24
Lobsters	魚	lb.	62	62	24
Mackerel	魚	lb.	44	32	21
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	42	20	20
Mullet	魚	lb.	42	13	2
Oysters	魚	lb.	36	12	2
Perot Fish	魚	lb.	30	14	9
Porch	魚	lb.	28	30	15
Pike	魚	lb.	46	16	9
Plaice	魚	lb.	46	36	29
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	48	36	30
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	38	36	45
Prawns	魚	lb.	70	10	14
Ray	魚	lb.	26	10	14
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	28	13	18
Roe	魚	lb.	33	22	10
Salmon	魚	lb.	50	86	80
Shark	魚	lb.	21	8	10
Skate	魚	lb.	21	10	10
Shrimps	魚	lb.	54	38	80
Snapper	魚	lb.	45	28	28
Soles	魚	lb.	42	22	28
Tench	魚	lb.	34	26	85
Turbot	魚	lb.	34	12	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	120	40	—

cocoa, and chocolate. The ten ration is a quarter of a pound for four people, and can be got only on cards. The masses cannot get even the bare necessities. The average earnings of workers and employees is about 20 to 25 roubles a week. Forty per cent. of the earnings go in rent, contributions to the trade unions, State loans (which are compulsory), and other social purposes.

"MR."

The common prefix Mr. originally represents the title "Master," which was one of very high respect. For instance, in 1800 it was natural to refer to the leader of the Exodus as "Master Moses"; and down to Shakespeare's time a knight or a bishop might be called Mr.

Besides high social rank, "Master" might indicate learning, implying the academic rank of Master of Arts; so by the 18th century its use was widening so as to apply to any man of education or substantial position.

By the 17th century, when the abbreviation Mr. was coming in, when the tendency to "star" over the first vowel had begun (perhaps under the influence of "mistress"), and by 1700 Master and Mr. were regarded as separate words. But not till very recent times did Mr. become the title of all Britons of whatever rank.

EARL AS OFFICE
BOY.Studying Problems
at First Hand.

PROBATION WORK.

The Earl of Feversham, who presided over the conference of the National Association of Probation Officers in mail week, went to South Africa and worked as an office boy to study those social problems which he is now doing so much to solve.

When he left Eton Lord Feversham, who is now 24, was determined to know the real needs of the more unfortunate people in the world, and so a plan was worked out by the head master of Eton and the Bishop of St. Albans to enable him to visit Africa, taking out a passport in his family name of Charles Duncombe.

Making Cups of Tea.
Mr. Duncombe, of Johannesburg, became "one of the crowd." He joined the staff of Mr. H. E. Norman, then the probation officer, as general office boy and did all the "donkey work," being at the beck and call of the typists, and

at odd moments carrying out such useful tasks as making cups of tea

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SHELLING OF CORFU.

"A single shot fired at Sarajevo involved us in a Continental war, because there was no League of Nations to stop it. A bombardment at Corfu had no such result. Because there was a League of Nations."

Thus the News Chronicle, in its anxiety to press home its campaign on behalf of Geneva. "Propaganda should be made of sterner stuff than this, comments a "Londoner" in the Evening Standard Diary. If there is one achievement on which the League cannot pride itself, it is its behaviour at the time of the Corfu incident. Let me recall the facts.

An Italian general on the Albanian Frontier Commission had been murdered. Assuming that the murderer was a Greek. Italy bombarded Corfu and shelled an orphanage in the process.

Here was a flagrant breach of the Covenant. Here was a clear case for the intervention of the League.

By a happy coincidence the Assembly of the League was at the moment in full session. True it is that Lord Curzon, smitten by phlebotomy, was then on his way from Orleans to Kedgeston, and that, struck down by illness, Sir Eyre Crowe had handed over the reins of the Foreign Office to Sir William Tyrrell.

But there were stars in plenty in Geneva. Lord Cecil was there in all his glory. Among the smaller nations sympathy was unanimously on the side of Greece.

Did the League act? It did not. Its feet were frozen. It fumbled the issue, leaving the decision to the Ambassadors' Conference. And these representatives of the old diplomacy saved Europe from war by fining Greece £500,000.

It is not a pretty story. If I were a pundit per cent. League supporter I should like to forget Corfu.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

ONLY ROUTINE WORK.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D.-C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

General.
Revolver Practice.—The regular weekly revolver practice will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range on Wednesday at 5 p.m. It will be open to all members of the Flying Squad, Hong Kong and Kowloon Sections, Hong Kong Police Reserve.

Training Course.—Part II.
The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central, will be held as usual to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part II. of Training Course should attend.

Indian Company.
Leave.—Constable R208. Ajit Singh has been granted 15 months' leave of absence from the Colony, as from June 30.

Flying Squad.
Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on the Bowen Road Revolver Range on Wednesday at 5 p.m. All members

TIE IN OPEN GOLF TITLE.

Alliss Redeems a
Dismal Failure.

POOR BRITISH GAME.

Toronto, Saturday.
Percy Alliss, the British player, tied for the Canadian Open Golf title at Toronto to-day, each returning an aggregate of 282.

They will play off a deciding match to-morrow (Tuesday). Holding a four-yarder on the home green, Alliss just redeemed British golf from its dismal

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The depression has moved to S.W. Japan, leaving a separate depression over Tongking.

Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy; occasional rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.57 inch. Total since January 1—41.06 inches against an average of 43.75 inches—deficit 2.69 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	83
Macao	81
Pratas Island	81
Manila	77
Foochow	83
Chefoo	65
Shanghai	70

failures. Alliss went round the course in the following scores:—67-71-73-71, and Hagen returned 68-68-72-74.

Joe Farrell and Ed. Dudley each had scores of 283, Mortiedra 284, and Armour 285.

The only Britons to finish, apart from Alliss, were Aubrey Boomer 292, Syd. Easterbrook 293, Leslie Cotton 300, and Archie Compton 302.—Reuter.

MRS. ADAMSON.

Passes Away at
Weybridge.

News reached the Colony on Saturday of the death, at the age of 69 years, of Mrs. Alice Adamson, a former resident of Hong Kong. She passed away on May 30 at "Ardmore," Godolphin Road, Weybridge, England.

The deceased lady was the wife of Mr. William Adamson, a former principal of the local firm of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., who retired in 1923 after a number of years' residence here.

Much sympathy of a large circle of local friends will go out to Mr. Adamson and other relatives in their sad bereavement.

Of the Flying Squad, Hong Kong and Kowloon Sections, who have not passed Part III. this year should attend without fail.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover.

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KILLED FOR EXPOSING VICE.

Gunmen's Revenge on
Their Enemies.

FILM FOLK VICTIMISED.

Large sums of money have been extorted from leading Hollywood film players and producers by a Chicago gang who have threatened kidnapping and violence if their demands were not met.

This was revealed as the result of investigation into the murders of Mr. Charles Crawford, a Los Angeles political leader, and Mr. Herbert Spencer, assistant editor of "Critic of Critics," a local magazine, who were killed as they sat in Mr. Crawford's office discussing a series of articles on gambling.

Men said to be associated with Al Capone have been terrorising picture celebrities into paying many thousands of dollars for protection.

Threats of outrage have brought victims into their net, and the fear of reprisals have prevented them from denouncing the men.

Mr. Spencer is believed to have been murdered because he was collecting material for articles exposing this extortion. He had received threatening messages, and in a recent issue of his magazine he published a warning to those who might make an attempt on his life that evidence preserved in a strong box in a bank would be given to the authorities in the event of his death.

Gangs have extorted money from the theatrical profession, only recently they turned envious eyes to Hollywood's large fortunes.

It was denied that the police guard at Pickfair, the residence of Douglas Fairbanks and Miss Mary Pickford, had anything to do with threats from this source.

PONY BANDITS.

10 Miles an Hour Escape
After Raid.

A pony and trap capable of jogging along at eight to ten miles an hour was used by smash-and-grab "bandits" in a raid at High Street, Clapham, recently.

The trap drove up to a shop, a man jumped down, smashed the window and struggled back to the trap with a cabinet gramophone. The trap drove off towards Brixton.

More than 60 car bandits have been caught by the Flying Squad this year. Fast motor-cars are marked vehicles after a raid in the early hour of the morning.

A TIP FROM LONDON

Moving Stairways in
N.Y. Skyscrapers.

Moving stairways like those on the chief stations of the London Underground will supplement lifts in handling the rush-hour crowds in two new skyscraper office buildings now under construction at New York.

Their installation was decided upon after surveys had shown that escalators would relieve the inter-floor congestion during the rush-hours in such buildings, where thousands of people work under the same roof.

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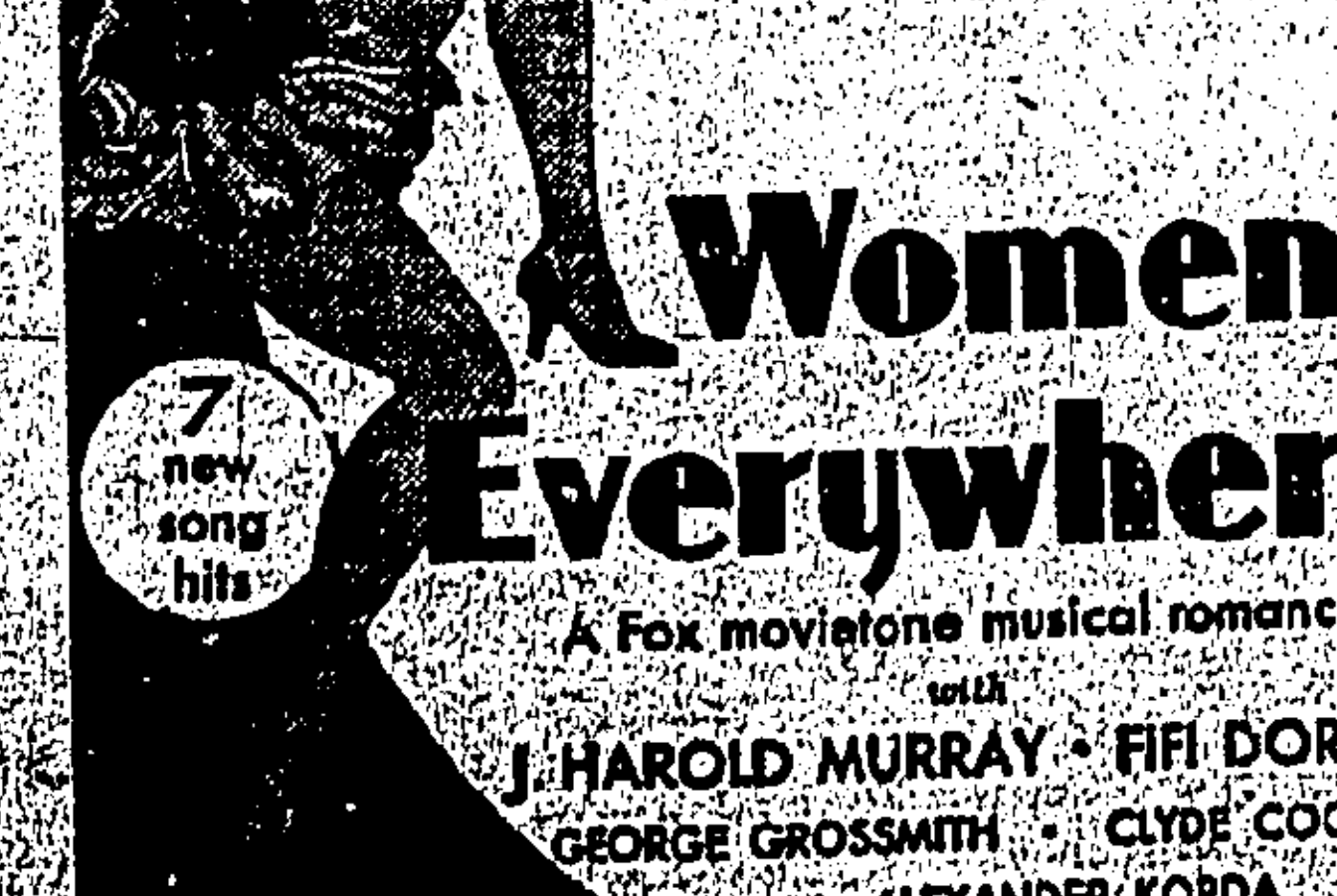
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